

MOTACILLA SIALIS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum fubulatum, rectum: mandibulis fubæqualibus.

Nares obovatæ.

Lingua lacero-emarginata.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 328.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MOTACILLA cærulea, fubtus rufa.

MOTACILLA cærulea, fubtus tota rubra, abdomine albo.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 336.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 989.

RUBECULA CAROLINENSIS.

Briff. av. 3. p. 423.

AVIS CÆRULEA.

Kalm. it. 3. p. 30.

RUBECULA AMERICANA CÆRULEA.

Catesb. 1. p. 47. t. 47.

Motacilla Sialis, eadem quasi magnitudine ac Motacilla Rubecula, aut paulo ampliore, Americam septentrionalem inhabitat; præcipue Carolinam. Tota avis amoene cærulea est, exceptis pectore et abdomine leviter rubentibus, remigibusque alarum primoribus apice fere nigricantibus. Rostrum nigrum. Pedes fusci. Insectis vescitur more reliqui generis.



Illustration of the Blue Jay, taken from the original drawing by G. A. S. Wilson, about 1850.

. THE
BLUE REDBREAST.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill fubulate, ftrait ; mandibles nearly equal.

Nostrils nearly oval.

Tongue jagged or lacerated towards the tip.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

BLUE MOTACILLA, rufous beneath.

The BLUE WARBLER.

Lath. Syn. 4. p. 446.

Penn. Arct. Zool. 2. No. 282.

The BLUE REDBREAST.

Edw. 1. pl. 24.

This bird, which is about the fame fize with the common Redbreast, or rather larger, is an inhabitant of North America, and is principally feen in Carolina : the whole bird is of a fine blue, the breast and abdomen excepted, which are of a light red, and the tips of the principal wing-feathers, which are dusky; the bill is black, and the legs brown. It feeds on insects, like the rest of this genus.